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In re Application
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Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, line 14, delete "begins" and insert --comprises a
a1 beginning end positioned--.

Claim 6, line 5, delete "begins" and insert --comprises a
a2 beginning end positioned--.

Claim 12, line 5, delete "begins" and insert --comprises a
a3 beginning end positioned--.

These claims 1, 6 and 12, as amended, are submitted herewith
on separately-typed pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 and 12 are amended for clarity. It appears that
in these claims as filed, there was no antecedent for the
expression "at said beginning end".

Response to Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112